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## **NASA CI/CT MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE – March 2020**

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### **Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:**

#### **THE INCONVENIENT TRUTH ABOUT ISIS**



The Islamic State has lost all of its territory; tens of thousands of its fighters have been killed or are imprisoned; and its former leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is dead. However, a Kurdish leader who witnessed the militant group's rise and fall is warning that ISIS is putting itself back together and stressing an uncomfortable fact: that ISIS is bigger now than it was nearly six years ago.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/02/kurdish-leader-isis-conflict-iraq-iran/606502/>

#### **2019 'DEADLIEST' YEAR FOR DOMESTIC TERRORISM, SAYS FBI DIRECTOR**

Terror attacks carried out by white supremacists and other domestic extremists have been on the rise in recent years. According to the FBI, domestic violent extremists killed 39 people in five separate attacks during fiscal 2019. That compares with four victims in four extremist attacks during fiscal 2018.

<https://www.voanews.com/usa/2019-deadliest-year-domestic-terrorism-says-fbi-director>



#### **ALLEGED AL-QAEDA MEMBER ARRESTED IN ARIZONA**



An alleged leader of a group of al-Qaeda terrorists was arrested in Arizona recently, where he had settled and ran a driving school. Ali Yousif Ahmed Al-Nouri is wanted on charges of murdering two Iraqi police officers.

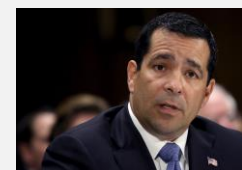
<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/alleged-al-qaeda-member-arrested-in-arizona/>

### **Significant Counterintelligence Issues:**

#### **U.S. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CHIEF WARNS OF BROADENING SPY THREAT**

Threats from "foreign intelligence entities are becoming more complex, diverse, and harmful to U.S. interests," the National Counterintelligence Strategy for 2020-2022 says. "Foreign threat actors have become more dangerous because, with ready access to advanced technology, they are threatening a broader range of targets at lower risk."

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/u-s-counterintelligence-chief-warns-of-broadening-spy-threat/>





## **U.S. OFFICIALS WARN: CHINESE ESPIONAGE IS AN 'EXISTENTIAL THREAT'**



The number of FBI arrests in cases related to Chinese espionage has risen sharply in the last five years, corresponding with what the U.S. government sees as an urgent threat to American economic prosperity and intellectual property. There were 24 China-related arrests in the last fiscal year, up from 15 just five years earlier and there have been 19 this year, according to Justice Department figures.

<https://time.com/5779226/us-china-espionage/>

## **U.S. ARRESTS MEXICAN CITIZEN FOR ACTING ON BEHALF OF RUSSIA**

U.S. authorities in Miami arrested a Mexican citizen who had been recruited by a Russian government official to locate and obtain the license plate number of the car of a “U.S. government source.” Hector Fuentes, a resident of Singapore, was arrested on recently after he arrived at Miami International Airport with his wife to take a flight to Mexico City, the Justice Department said in a statement.



<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-russia-arrests/us-arrests-mexican-citizen-in-miami-for-allegedly-acting-on-behalf-of-russia-idUSKBN20D052>

### **Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:**

ISIS has survived the destruction of their “Caliphate” and seemed poised for a comeback. Al-Qaeda (AQ) continues to survive despite successful strikes against senior AQ leadership. Recent terrorist arrests in the United States show that both AQ and far right terrorists continue to pose a significant threat to the U.S. The Chinese and Russian espionage campaigns against the United States pose a critical threat to U.S. technology. Intelligence agents from multiple countries hostile to the United States have been arrested in the U.S. and traditional espionage continues unabated in the United States. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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